

Give Hospital Christmas Gift

The Grayling Mercy Hospital along with twelve other hospitals in northern Michigan will receive a substantial Christmas gift through the Northern Auto Parts Company and its dealers this year. It was released by G. W. Arnold of the automotive parts and supply company.

The Grayling hospital will receive a newly designed number 640 Thermal-Oxygen tent. Several other of the hospitals will also receive such tents with the others receiving baby incubators. The other hospitals receiving gifts through the generosity of the Northern Auto Parts Company are both Traverse City hospitals, both Petoskey hospitals, Ludington, Manistee, Frankfort, Cadillac, Bellaire, Gaylord and Cheboygan.

Mr. Arnold explained that each Christmas, the company has made it a custom to send token Christmas gifts to their customers and friends in northern Michigan. The thought came to the company heads that the amount of money spent in total on these small token gifts could really be used for a community's better advantage and the idea of giving needed equipment to community hospitals located in the towns they serve was born.

The gift to the Grayling Hospital from the Northern Auto Parts Company is being made in the names of Corwin Auto Sales, Gorman's Service, Grayling Gulf Service, Mosher's Service, McEwen's Motor Sales, Hanson's Chevrolet, W. C. Tufts Distributing Co., Inc., Welsh Motor Sales, Dick's Speedway Service, Low's Service, all of Grayling and Melroy's Garage, Lehigh's Garage and the Frederic Super Service, all of Frederic. These business places are customers of the company and the company is saying "Merry Christmas" to them by making the businessmen's community hospital better equipped to care for the sick and injured.

BITS O' TALK

Miss Sue Giegling and Miss Christine Sales attended the wedding of Miss Peggy Soerbel in Grand Haven Saturday. Peggy is a sorority sister of theirs at Michigan State College. The girls returned home Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig and daughter Janie spent the weekend in Detroit. Candace and Gretchen Henig spent the time in Lansing visiting their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Wakeley and family left Sunday to spend the holidays in Bay City.

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Henig entertained the Sisters of Mercy Hospital, the nurses, office workers and trainees at a dinner party at their home on December 18th.

John Bruun spent several days in Lansing and Detroit last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Mt. Clemens are expected to spend Christmas with her parents Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Alan Stevenson of Albion is expected later during the holidays.

Members of Mary Martha Circle enjoyed a Christmas party and exchange of gifts at Michelson Memorial Church Wednesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Don Koepfgen and daughter of Cass City arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welsh at Lake Margrethe. Mrs. Koepfgen joined them on Tuesday and the Douglas Sterling family of Saginaw was expected on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westerholm and son Eric of Napoleon, Ohio, arrived Friday to spend the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bradley and Miss Lois. Christmas day guests will be Mrs. David Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fern of Boyne City.

Seventeen boys and girls enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Miss Judy Sorenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson on Saturday evening. Gifts were exchanged and dancing and a lunch enjoyed.

Cub Scout Den number 3 enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of their den mother, Mrs. Robert Sorenson Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rasmussen arrived Sunday evening to spend the holidays with their parents. Robert is stationed in San Angelo, Texas with the air force. Those expected at the Rasmussen home for Christmas are Einer Rasmussen of Marquette, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Kren and children of Saginaw, Mr. and Mrs. Don Orr and family of Traverse City, Miss Shirley Rasmussen of Washington, D. C., Ralph Rasmussen of Ypsilanti and Earl Rasmussen of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Martin accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Martin of Saginaw returned from St. Ignace Monday where they attended the funeral of the gentleman's brother-in-law, William Peterson. Mr. Peterson died at Little Traverse Bay Hospital, Petoskey last Thursday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

A Christmas party was enjoyed by the city employees, their wives

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Vikings Defeat Roscommon Bucks In Last Game Of 1952

Lake City Next On January 9th

In the final basketball game of 1952, the Grayling High Vikings staged a fighting comeback in the second half last Thursday night in the local gym to defeat a fighting Roscommon Buck five by the score of 46 to 41.

Roscommon started out strong while the Vikings set a very slow pace in the first half which coupled with bad shooting luck found them trailing the more aggressive although smaller Roscommon squad 11 to 6 at the end of the first period. During the second quarter, the Bucks again managed to outscore the Vikings 14 to 11 to enjoy a half-time lead of 25 to 17. Roscommon was making some long shots during the first half that seemed to be guided by radar as they consistently found the meshes.

Grayling came out fired-up for the second half and held the Bucks shooting down while starting to rack up points of their own. In the first half, Hinman, Roscommon guard poured in six field goals for a total of 12 points. In the final half, he was bottled up by Viking guard Duane Worden who allowed the Roscommon star only one field goal and two foul shots.

The Vikings outscored Roscommon 12 to 7 in the third quarter to make the score 32 to 29 in favor of the Bucks going into the final period. In the last quarter, Grayling poured in 17 points to Roscommon's 9 to win going away.

Duane Worden and Jim Burch with 14 points each paced the Viking attack. Allen Luckstead added 5, Marv Bielski dropped in 4 points, Red Hamilton, Larry Pond and Roger Kesseler each added a field goal with Dale Pettengill throwing a free throw.

Hinman with 18 was high for the Bucks and was ably assisted by Gyde with 11 more. Roscommon was called for 18 fouls with the Vikings being guilty of 13 infractions. The Grayling team cashed in on 15 out of 31 free throws while the Bucks made 11 out of 20 shots. The Roscommon Reserves defeated the Grayling second team, 46 to 42.

Coach Bruce Smith's charges now take on a holiday vacation and will not be back in action until Friday, January 9th when they entertain Lake City in a conference game here.

Plan College Courses Here

Central Michigan College will offer two courses at Grayling next semester, according to J. D. Marston, of the Central Michigan College Division of Field Services.

The organizational meeting for the classes will be held at 7 p. m. January 8 in the Grayling High School.

Courses that will be offered are Educational Psychology and an English course dealing with Grammar. Catalogue numbers of the courses are Psychology 313, and English 255.

Professor John K. Osborn, of the Central Michigan College psychology and education department will teach the course in Educational Psychology. He holds three degrees from the University of Michigan including the degree of doctor of philosophy.

Dr. Roger Cuff, a member of the Central Michigan College English Department, will teach the course in Grammar. Dr. Cuff has authored a text and is the author of a number of articles in learned and professional magazines. He received his doctorate from George Peabody College.

Former Grayling Resident Passes In Indiana

Carl G. Johnson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson, old time residents of Grayling, died at St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond, Indiana, last Saturday of pneumonia following surgery.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Anna Menne of Bay City, a niece and several nephews.

Hospital Aid Sponsors Benefit Card Party

Members of the Grayling Hospital Aid and Sisters of Mercy, sponsored a luncheon and card party for the benefit of the Grayling Hospital Building Fund, December 18th at the Nurses Home.

The room was beautifully decorated in the traditional Christmas motif. Nativity scenes graced the fireplace mantels and a huge spruce tree ablaze with lights, adorned the living room.

Christmas Carols were played during the lovely luncheon which was prepared by the Sisters of Mercy. About one hundred members and guests enjoyed the luncheon seated at tables attractively set, each with miniature centerpiece of greens and novel candles.

Later, Bridge and Canasta were played and prizes awarded at the individual tables.

Much credit is due to Mrs. Ethel Mason, committee chairman and Mrs. Jack Cook, who designed the beautiful table arrangements. Other members of the committee were Mrs. Jack Wilkins and Mrs. Robert Neafie.

Assisting the committee as hostesses were: Mrs. George Griffith, president, Mrs. Alfred Sorenson, Mrs. Jack Cook, Mrs. Louis Hayes, Mrs. Elmore Hennig, Mrs. Charles Piper and Mrs. Roy Trudgemon.

Grayling Evangelical Lutheran Church

Grayling Lutheran Church will have the following services during the Christmas season:

Sunday, December 21st at 7:30 p. m. Christmas tree and program at Danebod for children and grown-ups.

Wednesday, December 24th at 8 p. m. Christmas Eve Services in English with some Danish Christmas hymns.

Thursday, December 25th at 11 a. m. Christmas Morning Service.

Herb Wheeler is home from Philadelphia to spend Christmas with his family.

Tinker-Goen Wed Saturday

Miss Elaine Tinker and Charles C. Goen exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, December 20th. Rev. R. C. Puffer performed the ceremony at the Methodist parsonage at four-thirty in the afternoon in the presence of immediate members of the family.

Elaine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tinker of Grayling, and Charles the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Goen of Alden.

Elaine chose a rust suit for her wedding. She was attended by her sister Mrs. Bernice Moyer of Blue Lake who was attired in grey silk. Each wore corsages of yellow roses.

Norman Moyer of Blue Lake attended the groom.

Mrs. Tinker and Mrs. Goen each wore navy blue dresses and yellow rose corsages for the wedding.

A supper was enjoyed at the Tinker home by the wedding party following the ceremony and a reception followed. The refreshment table was graced with an arrangement of yellow roses and a white, three tiered wedding cake decorated in silver and topped with a bride and groom.

Elaine graduated from Grayling High School and Charles from Elk Rapids High School with the classes of 1951. They are making their home at Torch Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Blair of Mancelona were among the guests present at the reception.

On December 9th Elaine was the honored guest at a bridal shower. Hostesses were Mrs. Marquette LaMotte and Mrs. Arthur Shepherd (Helen Sorenson). The party was at the LaMotte home. Elaine received many lovely and useful gifts.

Kiwanis Club Notes

The Kiwanis Club of Grayling held their weekly meeting on Monday evening at Jerries Ranch at Lake Margrethe. The club was happy to entertain six members of the Lake City Club at the meeting which made it an inter-club meeting.

No program had been set for the evening as it was planned to continue work on the packing of toys which will be delivered this Wednesday evening to underprivileged children. The work had been completed earlier and it was not necessary to work on the project Monday evening. This program in its entirety is under the chairmanship of Dr. J. F. Cook.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CAMP LEHMAN

"We should not only put Christ back into Christmas, but back into every day of the year," declared Elder L. W. Hyde at Camp Lehman Sunday night, December 21, in introducing the Christmas program put on by the young people of the Grayling and Gaylord Seventh Day Adventist Churches.

"Every Bible scholar knows that Christ was not born on Dec. 25, so the day is not the important thing. The really significant thing is the event—the Son of God's birth into the human family; and the purpose—to save men from their sins," Elder Hyde further pointed out. "We need the Spirit of Christ to save us from our sins every day and not just on one day in the year."

The program, itself, consisted of poems, readings, songs, and acts reviewing the Christmas story from the Old Testament prophecies which foretold the events connected with Christ's birth, and picturing the prophecies which point to Jesus' coming again in the clouds and all His angels with Him. The program concluded with the little tots acting out the giving of the greatest gift to Christ—the giving of their hearts—by kneeling at the foot of the cross.

Those from Grayling having part in the presentation were: Richard, Kay Ann, Don, and Brad Stephan; Clara Mae Wolcott; and Karen and Christine, and also Elder and Mrs. L. W. Hyde.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Warren Hatfield, Harold Hatfield, Dickie Hayes, Mrs. Laura Brower, Mrs. Leonard Doyon of Frederic, Peter Funk, Mrs. Ruth Clinton of Lewiston are among the patients at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Ada Pearson, Mrs. Gladys Corwin of Roscommon, Claude Parker, Mary Lou Denno, Anita Lozon and Nila Barber of Frederic and Mrs. Clyde Smith have been dismissed from Mercy Hospital during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ashton are happy over the arrival of a son on December 22nd.

Michigan Winter Sports Season Here Again

So maybe you think anyone who puts on a pair of skis is bent on suicide, or that a fellow who dons snowshoes should be using them for another sport, tennis.

Or maybe you think ice fishing is a sport designed to chill you to the marrow of your bones, or that anyone who goes rabbit, fox, bobcat or coyote hunting doesn't have sense enough to come in out of the cold.

Perhaps you think that all who don't ice-skates are ready for the booby hatch, and that there's just no earthly reason for going outside in the winter time when a fellow has strength enough to stay beside his warm hearthside.

So go ahead and grow prematurely old. Go ahead and become senile and sedentary. Go ahead and have no fun this winter. For there are thousands of Michiganians who are becoming winter sports enthusiasts in Michigan who realize the value of a week-end of getting away from all the

hustle, bustle, turmoil and cacophony of city life and getting into the north country for a bit of wholesome, healthful recreation.

Some 13 communities in northeastern Michigan now have winter sports activities on an organized basis. There are hundreds of other areas when a fellow can have fun just getting back into the woods, or onto some small lake, or an isolated bay and enjoy ice fishing, hunting, skating or skiing.

The winter resort operators have made it easy for the vacationer. Accommodations are the best and comfort is the byword. Safety, too, has been considered from every standpoint, insofar as skating, organized bobcat hunts, and snowshoe expeditions into the back country are concerned.

There is skiing at Snowsneeze mountain between Harrison and Clare off US-27; Sheridan Valley near Lewiston; Ogemaw Hills north of West Branch; Pioneer Hills near Roscommon; Skyline between Roscommon and Grayling; Grayling itself; Al and Steve's Ski Village at Waters; Snow Valley near Gaylord; Otsego Ski Club near Gaylord; Griswold mountain near Indian River; AuSable Ski Bowl near Oscoda, and a bit at Silver Valley, near the Tawasess.

One of the outstanding skating rinks in the north country is at Alpena—Michigan's Ice-Was Park.

Alpena is the site of several North American speed skating tournaments and this year's state meet.

The Tawasess also have nationally-known "Perchville" a city of fishing shanties on the ice of Tawas bay where thousands of anglers lure the succulent perch every year.

Then there's "Tippytown" on Houghton Lake that is another ice fisherman's Mecca.

The winter sports areas and their attractions and special events are:

Cheboygan—Speed and figure skating, ice fishing for sturgeon on the Cheboygan river, Burt Mullett and Black lakes.

Grayling—Skiing, skating and tobogganing, and all types of hunting. Winter Sports carnival and selection of Michigan Winter Queen, Feb. 14-15.

Skyline—Skiing day and night. Skyline open ski races Feb. 28-March 1.

Roscommon—Skiing and tobogganing at Pioneer Hills park day and night. Hunting, ice fishing, Jan. 17. Winter Queen selection ball, Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Pioneer Hills winter carnival, Feb. 6-7-8. Tippytown, ice fishing festival on Houghton Lake.

The Tawasess—Ice fishing at Perchville and Tawas Lake. Tobogganing and ice skating at Silver Valley, Feb. 7-8. Silver Valley winter carnival, with queen coronation ball at East Tawas Feb. 7.

West Branch—Skiing at Ogemaw Hills with ice fishing and winter hunting in surrounding area, Feb. 1. Detroit News Hikers outing.

AuSable Ski Bowl—Skiing at AuSable Ski Bowl, nine miles west of Oscoda. Ice fishing and hunting, Jan. 24-25. AuSable Ski Club races, Feb. 7-8, open ski races in conjunction with Silver Valley winter carnival.

Snow Valley—Ice fishing, skating, hunting, day and night skiing.

Indian River—Skiing at Griswold Mountain, skating, hunting, sturgeon, walleye and pike spearing on Indian River, Burt and Mullett lakes.

Plan Bowling Tourney On New Year's Day

The First Annual Head Pin Tournament for the benefit of the Bowler's Victory Legion will be held at Chervon Lanes in Roscommon on New Year's Day, January 1, 1953 starting at 2:00 p. m. Plans are under-way to run shifts every hour starting at 2:00 p. m. till closing with an entry fee of \$1.00 per person which will include the cost of bowling three games and the prize fund.

Bowlers will be permitted to roll only once in this event and will roll only one ball per frame with a possible score of 100 for ten strikes in a row. Only those pins knocked down shall count and the head pin must be down to receive a score, if the head-pin remains standing no score shall be posted for that frame.

There will be three prizes for the men and three for the women depending on the number of entries with the winner getting 50% second place 35% and third place 15% of the balance of the prize fund after one half is donated to the Bowler's Victory Legion for the benefit of hospitalized veterans in the many Veterans' hospitals throughout the country. The money is used to purchase sporting newspapers, magazines, and even for the purchase of sporting equipment for the handicapped veterans.

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Thursday, January 1st, 1953, New Year Service at 11 A. M.

Sunday, January 11th Annual meeting at Danebod beginning with a pot luck supper at 6 P. M.

Standish-Pincooning — Ice fishing and spearing on Saginaw bay, fox and rabbit hunting Jan. 10-11 at Standish, Detroit stewards and caterers banquet and winter outing.

Lewiston—Skiing at Sheridan Valley weekends only, hunting and fishing, Jan. 10, Queen's Electoral Ball, Jan. 24, Queen's Coronation Ball, Jan. 24-25, Winter Carnival and ski races.

Al and Steve's Ski Village, Waters—Skiing daily and nights on Friday and Saturday.

Alpena—Speed and figure skating, organized wildcat and rabbit hunts, Alpena Winter Carnival and state outdoor speed skating championship, Feb. 7-8.

Bay City—Ice skating, fishing and spearing on Saginaw bay, Central Michigan speed skating championships Jan. 11.

Clare-Harrison—Ice skating, ice fishing and spearing and fox and rabbit hunts. Skiing at Snow-sneeze Mountain.

"Bud" Jorgenson Dies Suddenly

Stephen "Bud" Jorgenson, 33, died suddenly Monday, December 22nd, of a heart attack while driving to the home of his mother on the old lake road. In the car with him at the time were two of his sons, Robert and James. The car ran off the road in front of the McWilliams home on M-72 and Robert turned off the ignition and ran into the McWilliams home for help. The boys were unhurt.

Services are to be held Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. at Michelson Memorial Church and interment will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Bud was born in Grayling on February 20, 1919, to Mrs. Earl Mathewson and the late Johannes Jorgenson. He spent his boyhood here and attended Grayling Schools. He married Helen "Pat" Becker in Grayling on September 6, 1937. They lived in Flint for four years following their marriage and for the past year have resided in Livonia. The remainder of the time they made their home in Grayling where Bud operated his own appliance and service business. Since moving to Livonia he had been employed by the Nash-Kelvinator Company. Bud also served a year and one-half in the European theater during World War II. He was a fine father and husband, hard working and friendly to all. His sudden death is a great shock to his family and friends.

Surviving is his wife and four sons, Stephen, Jr., 14; Robert, 9; James, 6; and Kerry, 2; his mother, Mrs. Earl Mathewson; his brother, Johannes Jorgenson of Detroit; a half brother, Stanley Mathewson and a half-sister, Mrs. Betty Parrish of Flint.

NAME WERT CARNIVAL HEAD

Carroll Wert, Grayling restaurateur and director of Grayling Winter Sports has been named and accepted the post of General Chairman of Grayling Winter Sports Carnival, by Winter Sports President Grover Cason.

At the Winter Sports meeting last week, President Cason reported that the concrete footings for the new ski tows were all poured and work was progressing satisfactorily.

The food concession at the park's warming house was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clement of Lake Margrethe by the Board of Directors at last week's session. It was also decided to request the City of Grayling to again erect the sign, "Welcome Winter Sports Fans" across US-27 on the south edge of the city.

Michelson Memorial Church School

The climax of the holiday season occurred for the Sunday School, Sunday evening when the annual Christmas program was presented to parents and friends in the church auditorium. The processional featured the Primary Department in white capes with black ties, the Junior Choir in red robes and the Youth Choir in black robes. After the procession, the Children's Division, including Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary Departments, presented "A Long-Ago Birthday," as their part of the program. This was followed by the Youth Groups in a dramatic worship service, "O, Come, Ye!" Both groups were assisted by the Junior Choir.

Treats and gifts were distributed in the dining room, after the program.

The Committee wishes to thank all who contributed time, effort and money to make this year's program the success that it was.

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The Want Ad Department closes for each week's edition at noon on Tuesday.

NOTICE — All classified ads are to be paid for in advance unless the advertiser has already established good credit at this office. Avalanche Office.

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MODERN TWO BEDROOM home log construction, full basement, oil furnace (steam heat) with or without furniture (optional) short distance from lake. Reply to Avalanche. 11-13

FOR SALE — Model A Ford in good condition. New tires. Don Weaver. Phone 3881 or 3663. 11-27

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FOR RENT—40x40 ft Quonset building on US-27. Inquire Martins Hi-Speed Station. 3-13

I HAVE SEVERAL USED Chain Saws For Sale — In good working order. Priced from \$175.00 to \$240.00. Clare Madsen, Chain Saw Dealer.

WARM MORNING STOVE—Also another large heater coal or wood for sale. Clarence Teets, 7 mi. east of Grayling on M-72.

WASHING and IRONINGS wanted. Waitresses' uniforms also. Mrs. Ralph Colten, Lake Margrethe, Rural Route, Grayling. 25-1-8

LOST — All black hound with pointed tail, 3 months old, female. Gone two weeks. Will pay for keep. phone 3862. Claud Sloan. 25

WANTED — Experienced book-keeper. Steady employment, good wages and working conditions. State qualifications and references. Reply Box W, Avalanche. 12-18

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Frederic News

Al. Kaiser Injured Near Midland in Two-Car Crash

Two persons were injured in a two-car crash on US-10 in Saginaw county near the Midland county line about midnight Friday night.

In "fair" condition at the Midland hospital Saturday were Al. Kaiser, 56, of Saginaw, and William Kienbaum, 32, of 2106 Tennessee street, Midland.

Kaiser was reported to be suffering from possible neck injuries. Kienbaum suffered several fractured ribs and serious bruises. Saginaw county officers investigated the accident.

Mr. Kaiser is a former resident here. His son, Gene, and wife and Mrs. Alvena Kaiser left Saturday evening for Midland. Report here he had his neck broken and other injuries. Sorry Al.

Rita Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Barber, of Frederic, Michigan, will spend her Christmas Vacation at home. She is a student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, Michigan. The Holiday Vacation starts Friday, December 19, and the students will return to college Monday, January 6, 1953. Rita is a member of the Girls basketball team and also on the Honor Roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crooks left Thursday A. M. to spend the holidays with relatives in Flint.

Miss Anita Lozon is home from Mercy Hospital very much improved.

Mrs. Marlin Weaver came home from hospital last Thursday. Sunday Marlin and the children accompanied by Helen went to Buchanan, Mich., to spend Christmas. She is much better.

Those on sick list are Roy Newberry, Grandma McNeal, Mrs. Bessie Cooke and Mrs. Gladys Kruse.

Miss Nila Barber was in Mercy hospital last week for surgery. We hear she is much improved, and now at home.

The Robert Knox family, The Junior Gaertner family of Saginaw will arrive Wednesday and take the ladies Grandmother, Mrs. Almira Smock with them to Marquette to visit Mrs. Smock's daughter the Leo Gannons for Christmas.

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The Souvenir Christmas party was a great success, lunch was served at the Plant at 3 p. m. afterwards each employee was given a turkey by the Albert Maddills and Carl Johnson's.

Born to Elder and Mrs. Merle Howard a son at home northwest of town Friday, December 19, and the little fellow has been named Blair. He weighed 8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nowlin of Roscommon spent the weekend here with her parents The Elroy Barbers.

Carol Lodge had 21 friends at her birthday party at her home. She received some nice gifts, a nice lunch was served by her mother Mrs. Lodge.

Mrs. Al Roth and Mary Alice Barber of Pontiac are home for the holidays Mrs. Roth expects to take her parents the C. S. Barbers back to Pontiac for the winter months.

Mrs. Wm. Leng and Mrs. Geo. Lodge were Petoskey shoppers Thursday.

Bobbie Bill Lozon of Mt. Pleasant was home over last weekend. Sunday was a great day for getting stuck. Seems so much snow and ice just kept every one busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia called on Mrs. Lottie Craven one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Peterson and family of Mt. Pleasant were up Sunday to attend the 50th Wedding Anniversary of the Roy Smalls.

Albert Cram spent the week end at his home here came up from Detroit Saturday A. M.

The Max Tobins arrived home Saturday from their 2 week's in Florida. Reports are a grand time.

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A Southern railroad has been carrying on a regional advertising program of a very unusual nature. The advertisements say nothing about the railroad, and make no attempt what-so-ever to attract business. They are totally non-commercial. They are built around these four ideals:

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 Years Ago — Dec. 26, 1929

Floyd Jennings of Detroit arrived in Grayling Tuesday morning to spend a few days with his mother and to do some rabbit hunting.

Miss Margaret Weiss is assisting at the \$c to \$1.00 Store during the Christmas rush.

Emerson Hoesli, who has been employed in Saginaw arrived Sunday to spend several weeks at his home here.

Earle Serven of Gary, Indiana and Floyd Serven of Portland, Oregon are visiting at the Frank Serven home.

Mrs. Naomi Manohon who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Brown for the past month returned home in Flint Monday.

Mrs. Roy Barber and son Carlyle left Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ansett in Saginaw.

Misses Mildred and Bernice Corwin of Lansing came Sunday morning to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin.

Mrs. H. A. Bauman returned Saturday from Salisbury, N. C. accompanied by her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woodson who will visit at the Bauman home for several weeks.

Kathryn and Marie Mallinger, Elsie Johnson, Donald Emery and Arthur Curnalia are spending Christmas vacation at their homes in Roscommon. All attend high school in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Nelson spent the week end in Indian River.

Mrs. Ernest Babbitt returned home Saturday after spending a week with her daughter Mrs. Carl Parsons and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. LaBarge and daughter Noreen left Monday for Grand Rapids to spend Christmas at the former's home.

Stanley Matson and Herman Hanson pharmacists in Flint are expected Wednesday morning to spend Christmas at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lovely, daughter Veronica and Isaac Lovely are leaving today for Fenton to spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Oscar Goss and family.

Because of the illness of her mother, Miss Helen Estee, history teacher in high school, resigned her position and left Friday night for her home in Sheperd.

Little Junior Lovely son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovely had the misfortune of breaking his leg at school one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laurant of Big Rapids arrived Monday to spend Christmas with the former's father Mose Laurant.

Mrs. Katherine Gamble of Jackson is spending the winter with

her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Beckman.

46 Years Ago — Dec. 27, 1906

Frank Phelps, now of Stanton, is shaking hands with his old chums and family.

Harry Johnson and wife and babies came up from Bay City for the Christmas festivities.

Mrs. P. Hanson slipped on the icy walk and fractured her arm.

Ice on School Section Lake is

about 10 inches thick.

Fred Sleight and family came down from Johannesburg to enjoy Christmas with father W. Havens.

Perry Ostrander and family drove up from the farm Tuesday to eat with his daughter and family, Mrs. Charles Waldron.

R. Hanson and N. P. Olson started for Louisiana last Tuesday. They with others from here are looking over a prospective lumber investment.

Cards are received here announcing the marriage on the 21st of Mr. Olaf N. Michelson and Miss Mollie Annin at Kingston. They will be "At Home" in Grayling after February 1st.

Arthur Fournier is home for vacation from the University of Notre Dame.

Advertise in the Avalanche



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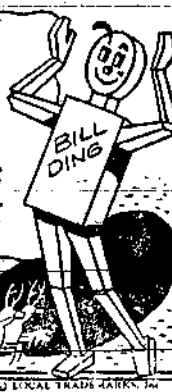
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(In Technicolor)

Starring—Donald O'Connor and Gale Storm

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 Sun. and Mon. Dec. 28-29
(Sun. Show Cont. From 2:00 p. m.)

"Against All Flags"

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Starring—Errol Flynn and Maureen O'Hara

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"Turning Point"

Starring—William Holden and Alexis Smith

Comedy Cartoon World News

 Thursday (only) January 1
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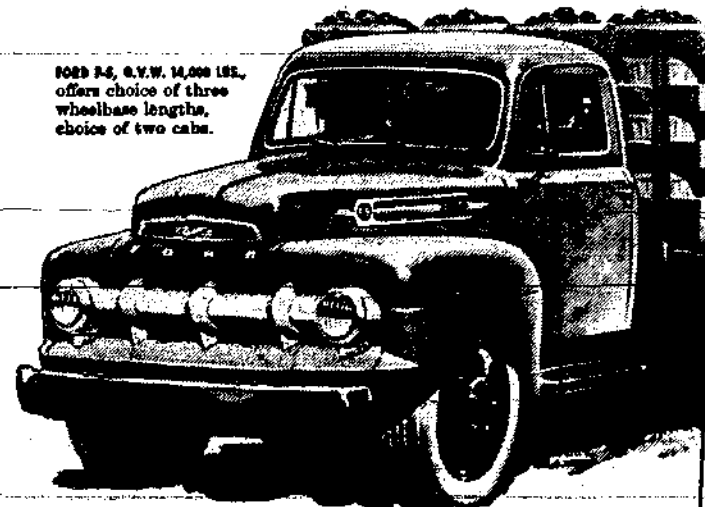
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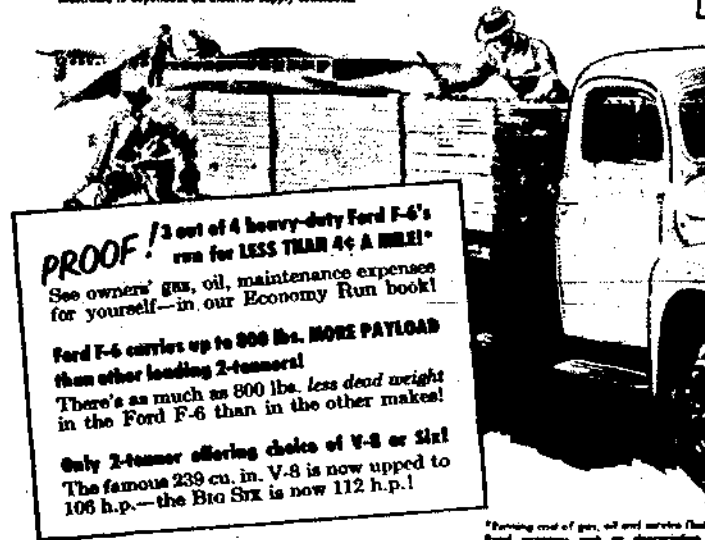
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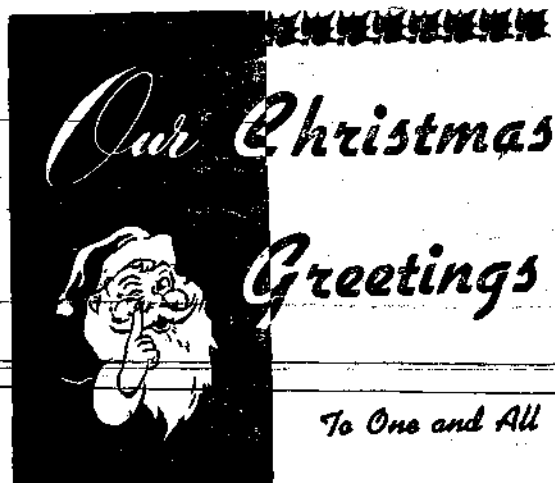
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President Cheers Polio Patients



President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower stops by at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minn., to visit with David Madden, who has been in an iron lung for five years. Young Jerry Snow, 12, looking on, experienced a light case of polio during 1952's record epidemic and is now fully recovered. Madden, who is being aided by March of Dimes, was much cheered by the President's visit. This 1953 March of Dimes campaign continues for the entire month of January. Contribute generously today.

Quaint Rehearsal Of Christ's Birth Found in Old Carol

"Auld Lang Syne" has become such an integral part of our modern New Year's eve that no celebration, however gay, would be complete without it.

The music sheets for those nostalgic strains simply say "Robert Burns—Scotch Air," and Robert Burns generally is supposed to have written it after he had settled down on a farm and taken himself a wife, following the sweeping success in 1778 of the second edition of his "Poems." Well and good, but Auld Lang Syne was not exclusively a Burns' product, nor did he claim it to be.

In a letter to George Thomson, a publisher, Burns explained: "It is an old song of olden times, which has never been in print. I took it down from an old man's singing."

Modern scholarship has discovered that Burns was wrong when he told Thomson "Auld Lang Syne" never had been in print. Its refrain, at least, was printed obscurely long before Burns heard his "old man singing."

Further, the original song often has been credited to Sir Robert Aytoun (1570-1639). Aytoun was one of the earliest Scots to use the lowland dialect as a literary medium. Multitudes of Americans descended from non-British stock are perpetually mystified by this dialect, nor does it seem to make much sense in the standard English translation.

Regardless of its original author and origin, it was Burns who gave "Auld Lang Syne" its immortality. And though the bells now welcome the New Year with joyous peals, symbolizing mankind's hope for a bright future, the nostalgia of "Auld Lang Syne" summarizes an

adherent reluctance to leave the security and friendship of the past and embark upon a future which, however promising, may not be more pleasant. Thus, it remains a part of the English speaking heritage to

"Drink a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne."

Christmas Eve Memory Check

Did You Remember . . .

. . . to take home a few extra toys? If you are expecting two or three neighborhood small fry to drop in, you can be sure six will show up. And three toys and six children do not enhance "Peace on Earth."

Did You Remember . . .

. . . to check the Christmas tree lights? Not day before yesterday. Not last week. We mean right now. A few stores are still open and you can supply new ones.

Did You Remember . . .

. . . that you told all those people to drop in for refreshment tonight? Better check on the cake, cookies, soft drinks, and other goodies.

Did You Remember . . .

. . . those last minute Christmas cards? If not, you can send telegrams to friends too far away for cards to reach them by December 25. You can even have a messenger call at your house while the guests you invited in for snacks are there, and probably everybody will remember someone far away who should have a Christmas greeting.

Did You Remember . . .

. . . to hang some kind of Christmas decoration outside the house, so passing strangers may enjoy some of the Christmas glow that is in your home and reflect it around your town? Remember, everyone has a part in this Christmas cheer, not just your small circle, and the more cheer you scatter, the more you will gather.



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Lake Margrethe Water Levels

(Information furnished by U. S. Geological Survey)

Period of record, Nov. 12, 1942 to date.

Water level, Dec. 18, '52 1134.13 ft
Water level Dec. 15, '51 1134.19 ft
Maximum level for period of record, April 5, '43 1135.39 ft
Minimum level for period of record Sept. 24-27, '48 1133.57 ft

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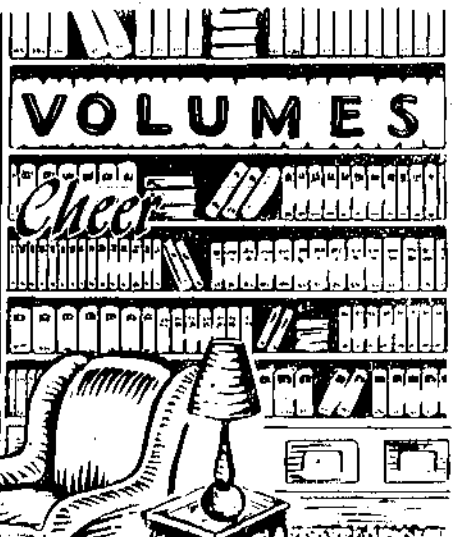
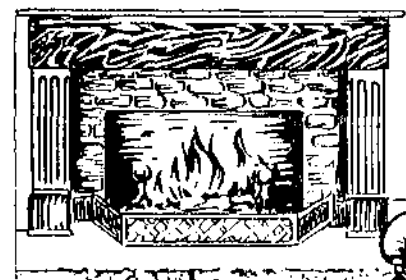
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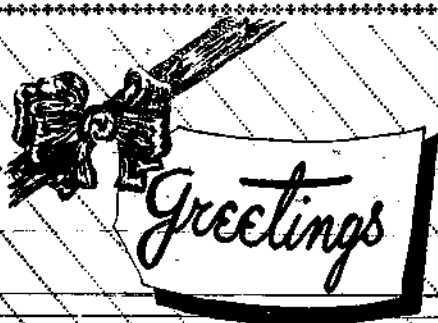
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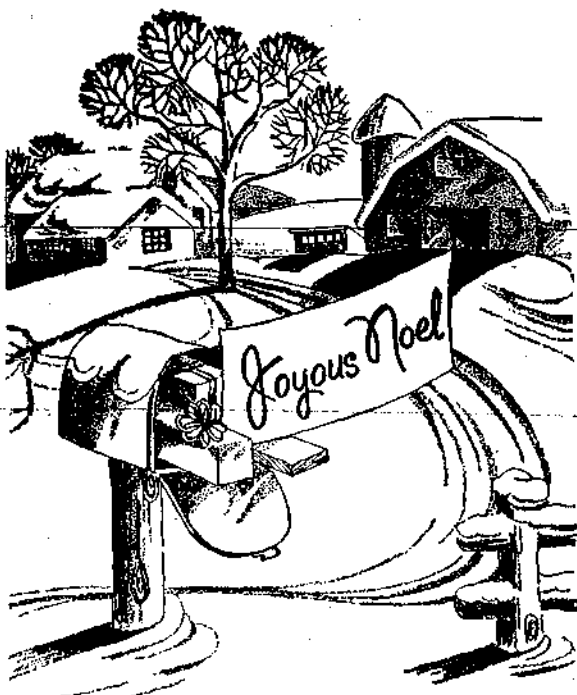
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State Bear Hunting Policies Set For 1953

Michigan's tangled bear policies got some straightening out during the December conservation commission meeting with a new set of simplified regulations to take effect in 1953 as a result of commission action.

Previously, the commission left regulation of bear pretty much to the discretion of counties involved. But recently, the resulting checkerboard pattern of regulations has caused numerous game and enforcement problems.

Starting with 1953, however, the bear season will run October 1-November 5 in the upper and northern lower peninsulas. Hunting will be authorized under a small game license with firearms or under an archery license with

bow and arrow, and dogs will be permitted.

In the southern lower peninsula the season will open the same day as the upland game or waterfowl season, whichever is earlier, and close November 5.

Also, hunting with firearms under a regular deer hunting license will be authorized during the regular November deer season.

Two additional hunting periods are authorized in the upper peninsula; April 1-May 31, dogs not allowed, and August 15-September 15, dogs allowed. Female bears with cubs and cubs are to be protected during the first of these additional hunting periods.

A hunter will be allowed to take only one bear during a year and it will be unlawful after January 1 to take and keep a live bear except under permit issued by the conservation department.

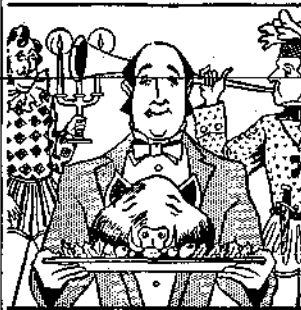
Christmas Game

Snappdragon was a favorite Christmas game in England more than 200 years ago; it is still played in modified form in England and America.

The original game called for a quantity of raisins to be deposited in a large bowl or dish. Brandy or some other spirit was poured over the fruit and ignited. The bystanders then endeavored to grasp a raisin, by plunging their hands through the flames. A carol, called "The Song of Snappdragon," accompanied the game.

Serving of Boar's Head One of Old Christmas Customs

Of the customs that grew up around the Christmas festival in Merrie England, the serving of the boar's head was one of the most stirring. It endures to this day at Queen's college, Oxford, where the 50-pound tusked head—a lemon in



its grinning jaws—is borne in on a great silver dish, escorted by trumpeters and candle bearers.

In the olden days there was an appropriate chant, half carol and half ritual, that the gentlemen used to bellow at the moment the dish troubled the board:

God Bless Christmas

"There are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew. "Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come around, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; and, therefore, uncle, though it had never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I say, God bless it!"—Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol."

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Then set down the swineyard, the fig to the vineyard;—
Let Balaam cry—his fall—
Let this boar's head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard,
And so ye are welcome all.



Christmas is a tree with bright lights and tinsel and the Star atop. It is a tumble of gifts, wrapped with pretty ribbon, beneath its green boughs. It is the light and faith in little children's eyes on Christmas morning. It is the choking feeling of joy in mother's heart as the packages are opened. It is the tear that wells in dad's eye and he tries to hide it with a grin. It is the remembrance of many other Christmases by grandmother and grandfather, undimmed by golden time.

It is the sermon of the Story of Bethlehem. The hymns of the choir, the candlelight service, the softness of children's voices, the peace and goodwill that can come into men's hearts.

Christmas is the big tall tree in school, the only tree some of the children can call their own. It is the striped candy cane.

It is the joyful music of chimes and church bells, the carols from the record shop, the spirit of the season that makes strangers friends.

It is the garland and the candle in the window, the cards on the mantel, the wreath on the door, the mistletoe hung for Sis. It is sincerely in a handshake, the wishes of glad tidings, the vocal meaning in the hello from neighbors.

Christmas is a light. A light that vanquishes darkness; the light of charity.



Merry Christmas

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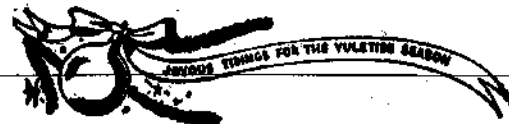
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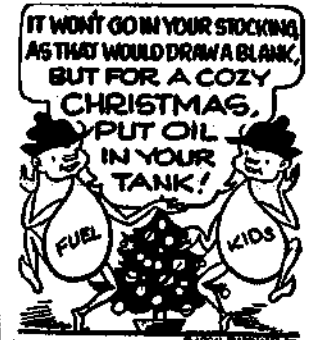


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On one word of peace, spoken in faith to still the clamorous horror of cannon, bomb, and bullet...

On one deed performed for love and not for gain...

On one leader who himself is not led astray in arrogance but humbly guides others in the path of goodness and true progress...

On one follower who is willing to play his role not blindly but with the alert and critical wisdom which is the heritage of all people...

On one great human thought that will not be crushed and rent by the cynical, the hopeless, the greedy, and the ignorant. God grant that some essence of these miracles be performed in all of us, and we shall see a Christmas that is like unto the first one the angels watched over.



Capacity Crowd Hears Cantata

The walls of the high school auditorium were fairly bulging last Tuesday evening when the girls' Glee Club presented their annual Cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem." There was standing room only and the audience was not disappointed. The group did exceptionally well.

The Glee Club this year is made up of eighty-two young ladies and more than half of that number were new singers this year. So one can readily see the tremendous task their director, Mrs. Roy Milnes had. Their accompanist, Miss Joan Andrews, also did her usual fine job at the piano.

Following is a list of the girls in the glee club.

Soprano
Francis Akers, Francis Cady, Nancy Colten, Mary Ann Crouch, Elaine Failing, Linda Failing, Joan Garland, Margaret Gugin, Donna Gerling, Irene Horning, Maxine Horning, Nancy Hooper, Evelyn Johnston, Carol Korhonen, Connie LaGrow, Kay Ann LeMotte, Charlene Lenkowski, Jean Lovely, Georgia Luckstead, Shirley Malloy, Marilyn McMillan, Gloria Millikin, Margaret Moore, Kay Ann Parkinson, Dorothy Pratt, Luanah Rood, Sally Sherman, Thessa Sopark, Judy Sorenson, Rita Sorenson, Sharon Swanson, Marilyn Wakeley, Mary Jane Wakeley, Judy Weaver, Shirley Wilcox.

Second Soprano
Peggy Benware, Susan Bidvia, Andrea Brown, Marilyn Burt, Joan Cinciala, Mary Ann Cinciala, Ella Mae Cook, Connie Davis, Vivian Fenton, Deanne Herrick, Betty Horning, Elaine Goss, Jacky Hunter, Julia Hunter, Glada Jensen.

Beatrice Kennedy, Margaret LaGrow, Judy Larson, Caroline Long, Linda Malonen, Micky Mikesell, Connie Millikin, Sandra Nelson, Kay Ellen Pettengill, Karen Rasmussen, Mary Richardson, Jean Roberts, Shirley Rood, Marlene Vincent.

Alto
Barbara Cornell, Clara Dixon, Alicia Hausmann, Nancy Hilton, Patty Hunter, Anna Ingalls, Norma Keelean, Judy Kenyon, Claudette Long, Nancy Lowe, Sally Minnear, Carolyn Moyer, Greta Rasmussen, Sylvia Robertson, Sandra SanCartier, Jean Smith, Denise Sorenson, Martha Stillwagon, Sandra Strong.

See Deer Kill At 143,000

Results of one sampling of hunters, interviewed shortly after the deer season closed this year, indicate a total statewide deer kill for the entire season of 143,000, the conservation department reports.

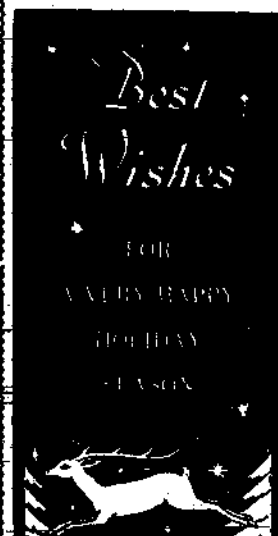
Early estimates pointed to a total figure of somewhat less than 200,000, based on kill figures from past years for the buck season added to the computed total of about 91,500 extra deer taken this year during the special season. The 91,500 figure was cross-checked through two independent counts.

But game men point out that calculated kill figures from past deer seasons may have been inflated. During each of recent years the total kill has been computed at near 100,000, a figure based on that percentage of report cards returned by hunters. It was long felt this figure was inflated because the successful hunter is more likely to report than those who were unsuccessful. In the long run, however, the figures served to show trends and provided game men with the information they sought, inflated or not.

At present, the total buck kill this year, including those taken during the special season, is believed to be about 80,000. This preliminary figure is based on a special sample interview survey was planned in cooperation with the University of Michigan and is being carried out by the game division. An additional but broader post-card sampling is being conducted and will cross-check the other studies; it was planned with the help of Michigan State College.

Also, field personnel feel that to some extent the buck kill this year actually was down from previous years and that all the difference is not explained by differing computations. One good barometer of total kill is the annual count made on Straits of Mackinac ferries, which this year bears out the lower kill total. Hunters carried 8,500 deer south on ferries this year; generally from 10,000 to 11,000 are taken south during the season. Observer counts made this summer by department personnel, also showed fewer deer than previously, particularly in the upper peninsula.

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The Mystery of God's Firmament

THE "STAR" which signaled the First Christmas may be interpreted in many ways. In all such interpretations we must put ourselves as nearly as possible into the social and psychological frame of mind of those whom we try to understand. The astronomer knows that through the ages the word "star" has been used to indicate almost any celestial phenomenon. We still speak of "falling stars" or "shooting stars" which we know quite well are not stars at all. In more ancient times the comet was called a "hairy star" and was derived from the Latin word *coma*, meaning hair. The planets were the "wandering stars" as opposed to the "fixed stars," and from the Greek word for wanderer we derive our word "planets."

The Star of Bethlehem could have been any of these. It could even have been a "new star" or nova which suddenly burst forth with a many-thousand-fold increase in brilliance, due to some great stellar catastrophe. These are all explanations of what the "star" could have been. Had it been any of the above, it would have been seen by many peoples, and in literature would have been found references to the appearance of the object which attracted attention. But nowhere in the literature or in the folklore of any of the peoples noted as astute observers of celestial phenomena do these references exist. From this we are forced to conclude the appearance of the star was a sight given only to the Wise Men to see.

St. Nick's Spirit

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A. D., and for 30 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

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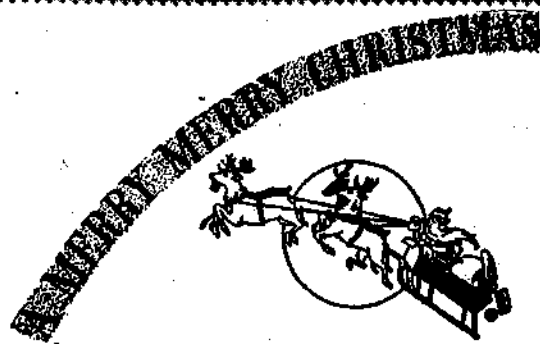
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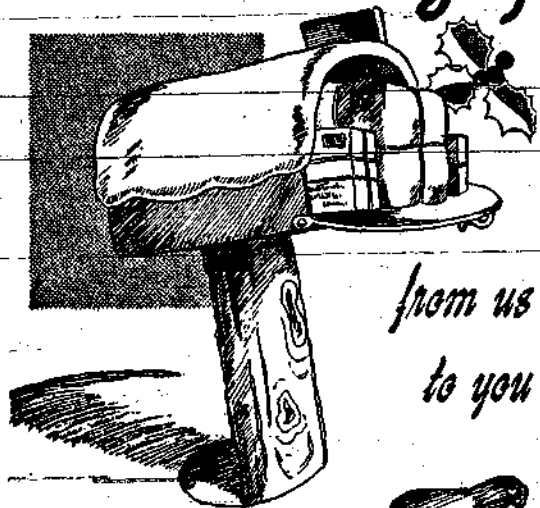
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DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.

DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable.

DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave lighted tree unguarded at any time.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.

DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant.

DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.

DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather.

DON'T drive recklessly.

Early Yuletide Thought Pagan By Christians

CHRISTMAS, like any other blessed institution has had to fight its battles. The first great enemy of Christmas was the Roman empire whose pagan emperors determined to blot out all kinds of Christian rites.

Then when Roman Emperor Constantine Christianized the empire other enemies of Christmas arose. One course of contention was: Is December 25 really Christmas? Some said Christ was born on January 6; others held for March 28. Some set April 21 as His birthday. Nobody knew with complete confidence just when to celebrate Christmas. At last, in the fourth century, Pope Julius I settled the matter in favor of our present date. His decision was accepted.

From the first there had been among Christians a certain hostility toward the Christmas festival. The celebration of birthdays in general was considered heathenish and something taken over from the pagans. Nor did the enemies of Christmas fail to observe that many pagan customs had crept into the festivities of the day. Christmas and the days of Advent that go before it occur at the time of the winter solstice, when the days cease to grow shorter, and begin to lengthen—when the sun, having declined its furthest from zenith, begins to climb again. The period was one of festival in many parts of the world, and was held sacred by many religions. Then occurred the Roman Saturnalia, with its wild excesses, and the people of the north, too, had a great midwinter feast with days of hearty eating and deep drinking.

From the Saturnalia came banquets and dancing and rioting in masks and the giving of gifts. Our Christmas dinner and Christmas presents and Christmas cards and the wearing of Christmas masks in various parts of the world

date back to the Saturnalia. The mid-winter feast of the northern peoples was called Yule, hence our Yuletide and Yule log. The burning of the Christmas log descends from northern tree worship. So does the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus seems to date from later Christmas times. He is good St. Nicholas, of course. The hanging of stockings comes from the legend that the saint, among his other charities, used to provide doweries for poor girls. The older form of the Christmas stocking custom was for poor girls to hang up stockings in the hope that benevolent St. Nicholas would place marriage portions in them.

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It makes us think of those we know, or wish to know. It strengthens all the bonds of feeling and friendship that link us all, one to the other. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

That is why it makes us think of you with our best wishes for your continued happiness on Christmas and all through the coming year.

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Christmas

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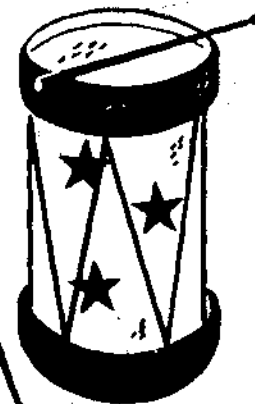
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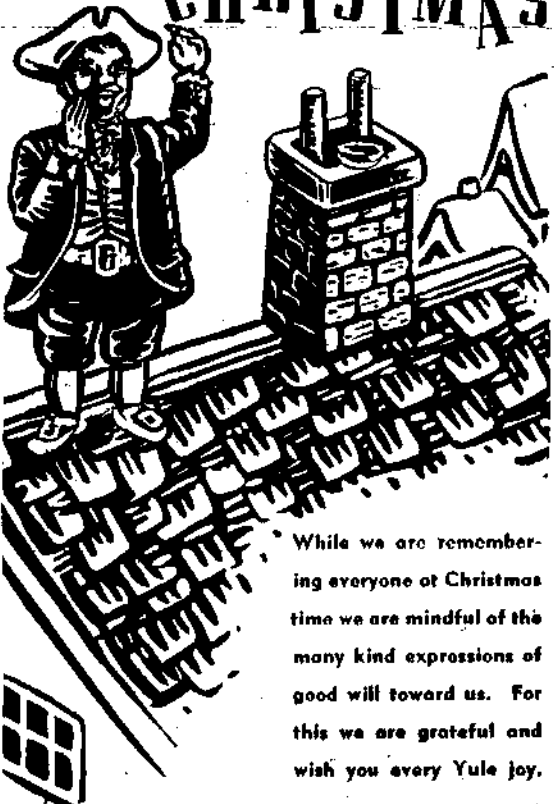
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MORTGAGE SALE — Default
having been made in the terms
and conditions of a certain mort-
gage made by George G. Hanners,
his wife, of Detroit, Wayne County,
Michigan, to Philip D. Dexter, of
the same place, Mortgagee, dated
the 7th day of May, A. D. 1951,
and recorded in the office of the
Register of Deeds for the County
of Crawford and State of Michi-
gan, on the 9th day of May, A.
D. 1951, in Liber Q of Mort-
gages, on pages 79-80, which said
mortgage was thereafter on, to-
wit the 12th day of June, A. D.,
1951, assigned to Caroline Gretz
and Walter B. Rensel, and record-
ed on the 13th day of June, A. D.,
1951, in the office of the Register
of Deeds for said County of
Crawford in Liber Q of Mort-
gages on page 81, on which mort-
gage there is claimed to be due,
at the date of this notice, for
principal and interest the sum of
Ten Thousand Two Dollars
(\$10,002.00).

No suit or proceedings at law or
in equity having been instituted
to recover the debt secured by
said mortgage or any part thereof,
Now, therefore, by virtue of the
power of sale contained in said
mortgage, and pursuant to the
statute of the State of Michigan in
such case made and provided, no-
tice is hereby given that on Wed-
nesday, the 25th day of February,
A. D. 1952, at 12:00 o'clock noon,
Eastern Standard Time, said mort-
gage will be foreclosed by a sale
at public auction to the highest
bidder, at the front door of the
Court House in the City of Gray-
ling, and County of Crawford,
Michigan, (that being the place
for holding the Circuit Court in
and for said county) of the prem-
ises described in said mortgage,
or so much thereof as may be
necessary to pay the amount due,
as aforesaid, on said mortgage,
with the interest thereon at six
per cent per annum and all legal
charges and expenses, including
the attorney fees allowed by law,
and also any sum or sums which
may be paid by the undersigned,
necessary to protect their interest
in the premises. Which said
premises are described as follows:
Land in Grayling Township,
Crawford County, Michigan, de-
scribed as:

Commencing at a point, being
the West line of the Southwest 1/4
of Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, T.
26 N. R. 4 West, thence North
648.4 ft., thence East 328.8 ft.,
thence South 648.4 ft., thence
West 328.8 ft., to the point of be-
ginning, the land here described
containing approximately 5 acres,
more or less, according to the sur-
vey thereof, and is a part of
Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of
said Section 12. Also a piece or
parcel of land bounded by and in-
cluded within a line commencing
at the Northeast corner of the
South east 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of
Section 12, T. 26 N. R. 4 West,
thence 328.8 ft., due East, thence
due North approximately 40 ft.
to the Westerly bank of the Au-
Sable River, thence following said
AuSable River in a Northwesterly
direction approximately 200 ft.,
thence due West approximately
145 ft. to a point on the East line
of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest
1/4 of said Section, thence due
South approximately 150 ft. to the
point of beginning, said land be-
ing a part of the Northwest 1/4 of
Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, and
containing approximately 1/2 acre,
more or less, according to the sur-
vey thereof. Also a right-of-way
for ingress and egress only, 20 ft.
in width and situated parallel
with and contiguous to the west
line of the East 1/2 of West 1/2 of
Southwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of
said Section 12, also a right-of-
way for ingress and egress only,
20 ft. in width on the road run-
ning East and West across the
Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of
said Section 12, from the North
and South County Road now ex-
isting on the Premises to the West
line of property.
Dated at Detroit, Michigan, No-
vember 28, 1952.

Caroline Gretz and
Walter B. Rensel,
Mortgagees.

Dexter and McNally,
Attorneys for Mortgagees,
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the
County of Crawford
At a session of said Court, held
at the Probate Office in the City
of Grayling in said County on the
8th day of December, 1952.
Present, Hon. Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Tophile SanCartier, deceased.

It appearing to the Court that
the time for presentation of claims
against said estate should be
limited and that a time and place
be appointed to receive, examine
and adjust all claims and de-
mands against said deceased by
and before said Court.

It is Ordered, that creditors of
said deceased are required to pre-
sent their claims to said Court at
said Probate Office on or before
the 18th day of February, 1953 at
10 o'clock in the forenoon, said
time and place being hereby ap-
pointed for the examination and
adjustment of all claims and de-
mands against said deceased.
It is Further Ordered, that pub-
lic notice thereof be given by pub-
lication of a copy of this order,
once in each week for three weeks
consecutively, previous to said day
of hearing, in the Crawford Ava-
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Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate. 18-25-18

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the Christmas Season
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our cordial greetings
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May the peace and joy
of Christmas
continue with you for
many days to come.

THE GRAYLING AGENCYJohn Braun
OwnerOlga Nielsen
Secretary**Bits O' Talk**

Floyd A. Davis, Civil Defense Director of Crawford County, and his Deputy, Harvey Rowland, have enrolled for the administrative course at the National Civil Defense Training Center, Olney, Maryland, which starts on January 12, 1933.

Janie and Merdene Brush are spending their holiday vacations with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Arden Snyder. The girls are students at Northwestern School of Commerce, Bay City. Both young ladies are on the honor roll and are also members of the girl's bowling team.

We are closed Dec. 26th and 27th. Gould Cleaners.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Neill is a very happy place this Christmas. Their son Cpl. Harry Neill arrived in Detroit last Tuesday and is spending a thirty-day furlough with his parents. Harry, who is with the 176th Artillery Group, has just returned after spending fourteen months in Korea.

Little Jeanie Nielsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nielsen, Jr., was a great big four years old on December 15th and her mother entertained seventeen of her little friends in honor of the occasion. The children played and also enjoyed the usual birthday refreshments.

John Canfield, III has joined the Navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Canfield, Jr., of Beaver Creek. His address is: John William Canfield, 0989 V.S.N.T.C., San Diego 33, California.

Otis Hunter is a new employee at the Black and White Grocery. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Birdsall and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strong spent last Friday in Traverse City.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook and son John are spending Christmas Day in Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and family spent Sunday in Saginaw to visit her brother Harry Harris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond and family left Friday to spend the holidays in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Elston of Detroit are to arrive December 23 and spend Christmas with their daughter and family the Robert Strongs. Mrs. Pearl McFarland is accompanying them to spend the holidays with her daughter and family, the Charles Pipers. Mr. Piper's mother, Mrs. Carolyn Piper of Detroit is also spending the holidays at the Pipers home.

Lyle Billsby, Dr. J. F. Cook, Grant Thompson and Willard Cornell attended the Lions-Rams foot ball game in Detroit last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Olson and children and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Douglas celebrated Christmas Sunday in West Branch with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. P. Felling and family. Also present was Mrs. Ellen Felling.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood and family of Midland and Miss Margaret Felling of Essexville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Billsby are spending Christmas in Gladwin with her mother Mrs. Ellen Gary.

Laurianne Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels P. Olson celebrated her sixth birthday last Thursday by entertaining a number of her little friends at a party at her home. Her mother also treated the kindergarten class at school in the morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Douglas are spending Christmas with his mother Mrs. Charles Douglas and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pearsall in Memphis, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and son Terry are spending Christmas in the Upper Peninsula visiting Mrs. Smith's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roth are spending Christmas with the latter's mother in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Sloan and son Duane are celebrating Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. James Arndt in Ypsilanti.

Cliff Newell of Fife Lake is visiting at the home of his daughter and family, the Eugene Papendicks.

Kip Papendick, S. A. arrived home Friday from New York to spend a week with his wife and visit his parents. Kip is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Bennington, an air craft carrier.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rosen and daughter Susan Bea of Portales, New Mexico, James McRenolds of Clovis and Roy Milnes Jr., of Ortonville arrived Monday to spend

**It Doesn't Have
To Be Christmas**

... for us to think of our
Multitude of Friends.

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to You...

**A Merry Christmas
Happy New Year**

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Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Meuno Corwin left Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Nels Corwin in Bradenton, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen and son Terry are spending the holidays in Manistique visiting his parents.

Miss Wanda Mikrut is in Detroit spending Christmas vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Christian and daughters left Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frisco and other relatives in Phoenixville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacAuley are here from Trout Lake to spend the holidays at their Grayling home.

Sandy Strong was hostess to a group of her friends Saturday evening at a welcome home party for Miss Holly Piper.

Among those attending the funeral of Carlisle Strobel in Saginaw last Wednesday were: Judge and Mrs. Ray Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore, Earl Burns, Les Hunter, George Quinn, Donald Legg, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Papendick, Mr. and Mrs. Llynn Doremire, Mrs. Robert Strong of Grayling and Mrs. W. O. Hildebrand of East Lansing.

Miss Shirlee Souders arrived home Friday evening from Harper Hospital, Detroit, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Souders. On Monday

evening a program of Christmas Music was presented at McLaughlin Hall Detroit by the student chorus of Harper Hospital School of Nursing. Miss Shirlee sang two solos at the program, "I Wonder as I Wander" and "Appalachian Chorus." Her piano accompanist was A. Bernell of the Masonic Temple. The chorus is made up of sixty-eight voices.

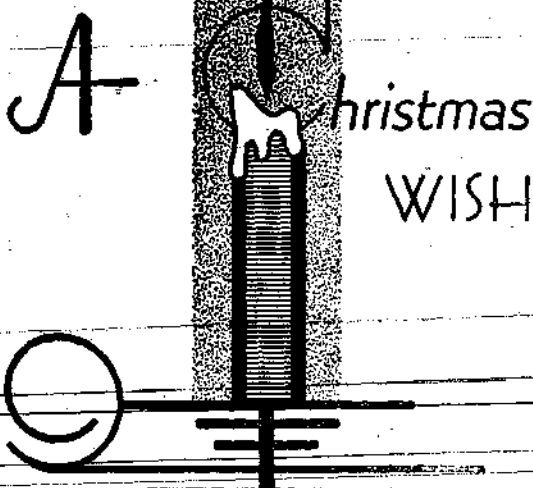
Miss Barbara Jean Klein expects to arrive home Christmas eve from Harper Hospital School of Nursing to spend the holidays with her parents the Robert Kleins.

Max Davenport took over his duties as City manager of Cadillac on Monday of last week. His family will join him in Cadillac the middle of January. The Davenport home on US-27 has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson. Mr. Davenport spent the weekend here with his family and will return to spend Christmas.

Among the college students spending the holidays with their parents are Sue Giegling, Joan Bond and Barbara Nelson of Michigan State College and Nancy Hoelsi of Central Michigan.

Mrs. Henry Feldhauser and son of Flint arrived Friday evening to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sorenson. Mr. Feldhauser is to arrive to spend Christmas and also to visit his parents, the Paul Feldhausers and other relatives.

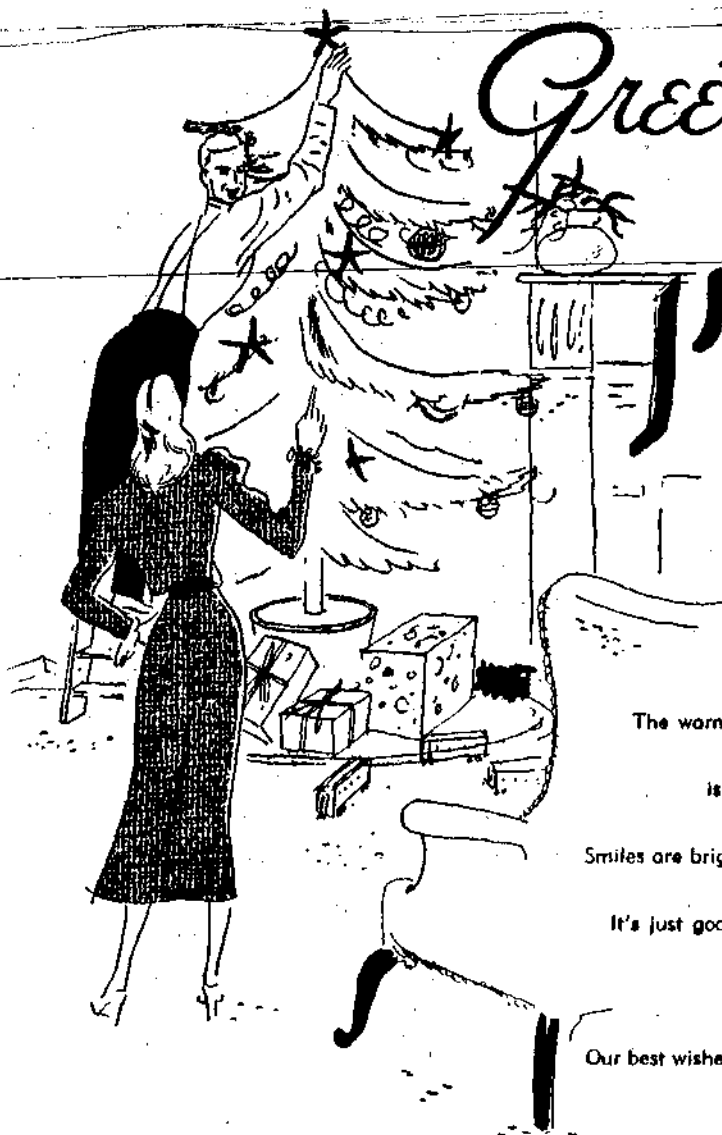
Les Hunter and Esbern Olson are driving new Pontiacs.



May you look back in the Christmases to come at
this particular season and remember it as the
finest ever spent.

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Grayling Fire Department News

Weekly meeting of December 22nd was called to order by Chief Middle LaMotte at 7:30 P. M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Two films were shown on "Safety" at this meeting. The tires were checked on the big truck. Next monthly evening we will have election of officers for the coming year. Eighteen firemen were present at this meeting. No fires this past week.

Legion Auxiliary News

Grayling Unit 106 held their Christmas party December 16th with 18 members present, each member bringing a gift to exchange. Pinocchio was played with high going to Amy Gothro and low to Fedora Rasmussen. Lunch was then served by the hostesses Margaret Tinker, Bertha Winslow, Gloria Tinker and Lily King. After lunch we then exchanged gifts. Bertha Winslow Publicity Chairman

ASTROLOGER PREDICTS FOR 1953

What does the position of the planets during 1953 indicate for the year ahead? Good or difficult times, over-all peace, earthquakes and other disasters—what? Read Astrologer Myra Kingsley's predictions for 1953 in this coming Sunday's (December 28) issue of Color Magazine American Weekly, exclusively with The Detroit Sunday Times.

Lovells News

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at Mrs. Ruth Caid's home Wednesday evening, January 7 at 7:30 P. M. for their regular meeting. The birthdays of Mrs. Marie Olsen and Ruth Caid will be celebrated at that meeting.

Chapel Guild will meet with Mrs. Stechling Tuesday afternoon, January 6, for their monthly meeting. Response to roll call will be a verse from the Bible beginning with the letter C.

Mr. and Mrs. Moody spent few days visiting in Detroit last week. Mrs. T. Morris made a trip to Saginaw last week end.

A neat Christmas program was heard at the Chapel Sunday morning in place of Sunday school as so many children who are on the Sunday school roll are gone for the winter months. It has been decided to hold Sunday school service one-half hour before Church services every Sunday evening at 7 P. M. All are invited to join in this service and help us carry on during the winter weeks and hope to welcome all back in the early spring.

Word has been received from several friends and neighbors who are in the south for the winter that they are enjoying the nice sunny weather where they are.

Mrs. Mary Miller is visiting friends and relatives in Detroit.

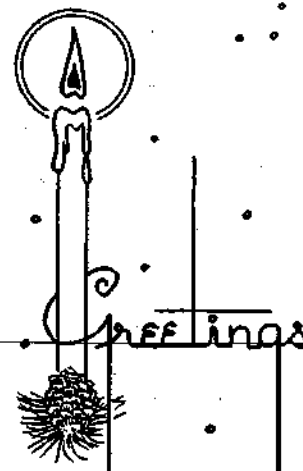
Mr. and Mrs. Russel Husted of West Branch were guests of the C. Stillwagon Saturday and Sunday coming up for the wedding of Miss Jeanine Stillwagon and Elwyn Kruse which took place at Lovells Community Chapel last Saturday evening with Rev. Puffer officiating. Congratulations are extended again to two more of our young folks who are starting out together on life's journey.

Mrs. Ruth Caid and Mr. and Mrs. Stillwagon attended the Christmas program at the Lewiston Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Stillwagon enjoyed a day last week with Mrs. Arnold Bonnell. Mrs. Phyllis Caid accompanied them to Bay City and spent a day shopping with Mrs. Margie Harwood.

The Cheerful Givers Ladies Club of Lovells again sponsored their annual Christmas party at Lovells Town Hall last Friday night with about sixty being present. A very nice potluck supper was served and all enjoyed the treat of ice cream. Thanks to Hunter's Dairy in Grayling Christmas carols were sung during the evening and gifts were distributed from the lovely laden Christmas tree. The ladies

of the club again remembering every child in the community with a well filled sack of candy and nuts, also a pair of gloves to the girls and mittens to the boys and the smaller tots toys.



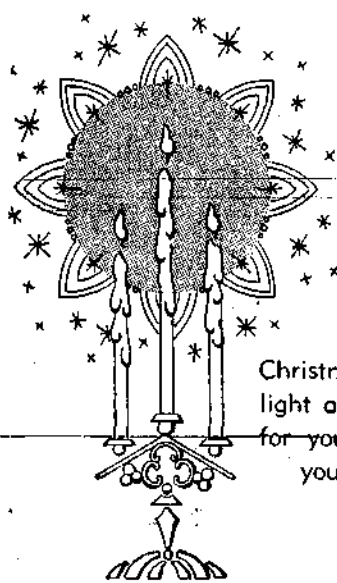
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The Home Extension Club met at the home of Mrs. Pearl Babbitt last Tuesday evening with all sixteen members present and five guests. Gifts were exchanged. Delicious Christmas refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Edna Wilcox who has been working in Flint, is spending a few days among her children.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Papenfus and daughter, Nancy, spent Thursday in Petoskey.

A nice crowd turned out for the Community Christmas program. The combined efforts of the Home Extension Club, the Sunday school and the T. N. T. Club to make this a nice yearly affair is to be appreciated. Also Les Hunter's treat added greatly to the fun of the evening. Everyone went home with a sack of candy and a "Merry Christmas" greetings.

Mrs. Clyde Smith has been ill and a patient at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arno Plagens and family have gone to New Haven to spend Christmas with her folks.

The T. N. T. Club have planned a "Holiday Dance" for this Saturday night, December 27. Come and enjoy the evening.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baynham caught on fire Saturday forenoon. It had not been for the quick help of neighbors it could have been completely destroyed. As it was the damage wasn't serious and the family deeply appreciates all the neighbors did for them.

Grace Woodburn of Grand Rapids is home for the Christmas vacation.

Jack Armstrong who is teaching near Clara, is home with Mrs. Armstrong for the holidays.



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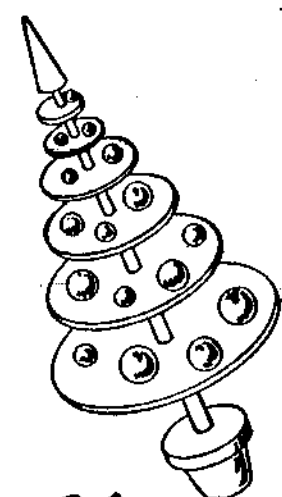
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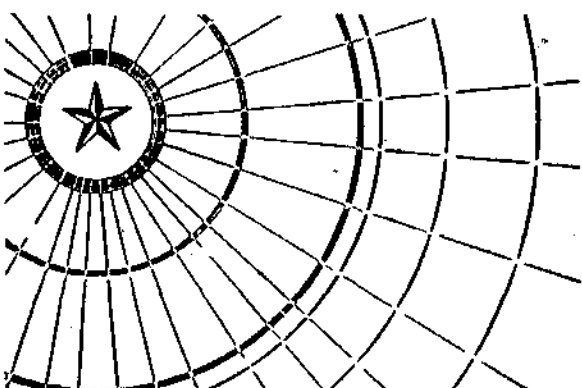
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